

19 November 1945

Dear Sid:

Another week has passed and we feel more progress has been made.

Otto encloses his diary together with copies of pertinent check sheets we have put out. [Things of most importance are that the two Navy linguists finished their screening at Yokosuka and shipped out on the South Bend Victory, (A Liberty Ship) 29 mail sacks from Yokosuka Naval Base numbered "YOKO 1 thru 29" and 36 mail sacks from Yokosuka Marine Air Base numbered "MAR AIR, 1 thru 36." They went out on Saturday 17 November 1945.]

[An index or shipping advice is now being mimeographed and will be forwarded within a day or two. REIERSTAD feels there is no necessity for showing what documents are in what sacks so this index will show only what is in the 65 sacks. I cannot quite agree with him and feel that it would require only very little additional labor to designate what documents are in what bags. However in all fairness we must remember that he used only 2 men at Yokosuka. I base our opinion on our experience at Kokobunji where we went thru a large Army Experimental Station. At that place we collected 55 crates of various sizes and numbered them and will show on our shipping advices the documents present in each case. These have not as yet been shipped but we contemplate sending them out on Thursday. 22 Nov ]

We are receiving document inventories now from the various units but we can do nothing about screening them until our people get here. I feel now that the job of getting these documents in and out of here can be accomplished in a shorter period than was originally countenplated and will not necessitate people remaining here as long as we expected. However a small group might well be attached to Colonel Wood's Office to remain after departure of the main party to more or less wind up loose ends. I'll have more to tell you about this when I see you.

REIERSTAD in his last report to Colonel Bales suggested a regular naval commander be sent over to perform the job of coordination in the future along the same ideas I have about leaving someone here.

Lt. Col. Smith has been in to see us most every day and we are working out details very well. We plan to submit another memorandum to the Tech. Intell. outfits and the other W.D. Agencies reminding them to please pass us the documents when they are thru with them. I think it will help expedite the stuff.

Lt. Col. McQuale has reported to Colonel Wood's office and seems to be a very fine character. It makes things very nice in that we don't have to fight the phones which continue to be peculiar!

Colonel Doud informs us that the 300 ATIS people that recently arrived are going out before too long. That will provide our people with the help they will need when they get to the units. It should provide complete coverage of all units.

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